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Serial No : 09/942,978  
Filed : August 30, 2001  
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING FEES....

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Applicants filed a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt in the above-referenced application on June 7, 2002, which is attached for reference. Applicants received a Response to this request mailed July 2, 2002, also attached for reference, indicating that the Office was unable to comply with the request, as an Express Mail label showing the "date in" had not accompanied the request together with a suitable petition to the Office of Petitions requesting a corrected filing date.

Upon information and belief, Applicants deposited the above-referenced application with the USPS on August 30, 2001 and received a copy of Express Mail Receipt EL639693967US with a "date in" of August 30, 2001. Upon information and belief, a copy of this receipt was subsequently misplaced or lost by Applicants.

The USPS delivery record attached to the attached request of June 7, 2002 clearly shows that the Express Mail package EL639693967US was received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2001 at 6:50 A.M. Applicants subsequently received a return post card for the above-referenced application indicating that it had

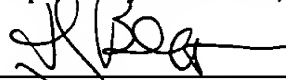
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been received in the USPTO on August 31, 2001. Upon information and belief, a true copy of this post card is attached to this petition. This post card indicates that the application was mailed on August 30, 2001 in Express Mail package EL639693967US. Further, upon information and belief, the Request of June 7, 2002 includes a true copy of the first page of the above-referenced application that includes a stamp also indicating that the application was filed in Express Mail package EL639693967US.

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Any fee, due as a result of this paper may be charged on Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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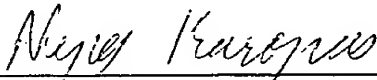
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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING FEES OF CONTENTS,  
 COMPUTER PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is based upon and claims the benefit of  
 priorities from the prior Japanese Patent Applications No.  
 2000-266155 filed on September 1, 2000 and No. 2001-261736 filed  
 on August 30, 2001, the entire contents of both of which are  
 10 incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a technique for distributing  
 contents which includes, for example, game programs, video signals,  
 image data, sound data, music data, character information or the  
 composition of them, especially to a technique for managing fees  
 arising from distributing or utilizing these contents.

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2. Description of the Related Art

Along with the popularization of the internet, distributing  
 contents to numbers of people is becoming easier. Recently, pay  
 25 services of distributing contents are implemented actively.  
 However, in the case that pay contents is transacted through the  
 wide-area network like the internet to which general public people  
 can access, it is difficult to set charge fee properly, because  
 it is hard to figure out how much the pay contents is utilized.  
 30 To solve such problems, the techniques for distributing  
 contents were conventionally proposed, which are described below.

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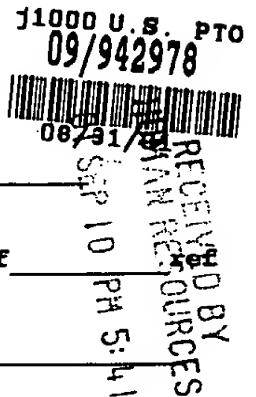
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Enclosures:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) ☒ 1-39pgs of spec.
- ☐ Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate)
- ☒ 7 Sheets of Drawings (1-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9)
- ☐ Sub-Power of Attorney
- ☐ Original Signed Decl.
- ☐ Declaration (UNEXECUTED)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Form PTO-1619A&B Assignment
- ☐ Cert. Copies of \_\_\_\_\_ Appln. No. (s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Small Entity Statement
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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> JUL 10 2002 OFFICE OF PETITIONS	Attorney Docket No.	SCEW 18.968
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	Title	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING FEES...
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification (Total Pages **39**)  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) (Total Sheets **7**)
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  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
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    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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